

THE GREAT MAN'S OCCUPATION.

Nothing Very Serious in His Mind Just at That Moment.

The multi-millionaire was being shaved. As he lay back in his chair, looking upward, his grave face gave the impression that he was in deep study.

"Ah," whispered one of the barber shop loiterers, "I'll wager a dollar against a toothpick that he is thinking of railroad mergers."

"No," said another, "he is thinking about bear raids in Wall street."

"Bet he is pondering over the rebate system," echoed a third.

"I'll ask him."

Walking over to the chair, he said politely:

"Beg your pardon, sir, but to settle an argument, would you kindly tell us what mighty question you are studying over?"

The multi-millionaire turned his lathered face around and smiled. "I was just studying two flies doing handstands on the ceiling," he chuckled, and the trio of guessers looked so sheepish they failed to hear "Next" when it was called to them.

Willing to Oblige.

The poor but nervy young man was after the hand of the heiress.

"Young man," roared her frate father, "never darken my door again."

"All right, sir," replied the suitor, blandly, "I'll come around to-morrow and give it a coat of bright red paint. That will be much better than darkening it."

And the next instant the poor but nervy young man was being chased by a Scotch coachman, a French chauffeur and an English bulldog.



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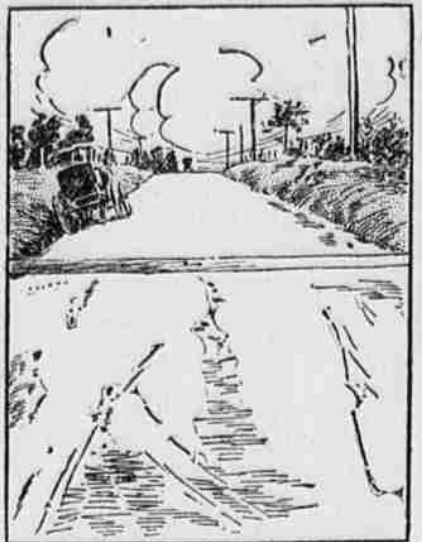


ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

BEFORE AND AFTER DRAGGING.

An Object Lesson as to What a Little Work Will Do.

Bad road pictures are as a rule secured when the surface is muddy; but this one was snapped when the surface was hard and dry. It shows how long a stubborn clay will stay bad. On the day of the taking of this picture



A Stretch of Road That Has Been Dragged with Split-Log Drag.

the journey up or down the hill was dangerous to any vehicle in spite of the slowest and most careful driving.

On the other hand another picture shows a hill harder than that shown in first picture, so smooth that the lightest or the heaviest loaded vehicle could travel it in safety at any reasonable rate of speed. But more important than all else, the next rain will merely dampen the top of it; all but a very small proportion will run into



Ruts and Pockets in a Road Before Dragging.

the ditches and get away, and an hour's sun and wind will dry it.

No ruts are here to guide the rainfall to the bridge nor are there any depressions in which the water may be detained.

The hill shown in the first picture is not so well prepared for rain. The chuck holes and pockets on its face will fill with water and remain in that condition until the wet can evaporate. And should the rain be a quick, heavy dashing one it will rush down the center of the highway, cutting the ruts deeper and adding to the concavity of its already-out-of-shape cross-section.

You will be astonished, writes D. Ward King, in Breeders' Gazette, if you will give a rutted clay hill a close examination in a comparatively dry time. Select a day when a well-dragged road is dusty. Go to the deepest rut on the neglected hill; the ridges of the rut will be baked as hard as a brick; the bottom of the rut, the wheel-tread (provided it is a much traveled road), will be nearly as hard as polished glass and will be darkly iron-stained from the friction of the iron-bound locked wheels of the loaded wagons that rubbed their way down.

Now half way between the glassy polish and the brick-hard top, in the wall of the wheel-rut, insert the blade of a penknife. Without a chance putty-like clay can be found before the knife blade penetrates to the handle. Now stand back, look on the two hard surfaces at your feet, consider the moist marble in the palm of your hand and draw conclusions.

Resin Lime Mixture.

Five pounds resin, 1 pound concentrated lye, 1 pint fish oil, 5 gallons water. Prepare stock solution by melting the resin with the fish oil and one gallon of water in a kettle over a fire. Add the lye and about half the water and boil about one hour, or until the mixture will unite with the cold water. Then add slowly enough cold water to make a total of five gallons. When spraying, take one gallon of this solution and add three gallons of milk of lime, four ounces of paris green and 16 gallons of water.

Try This.

Ever try baking powder cans to hold the grain near the coops for the little chicks? The close-fitting covers will keep the contents dry during sudden showers, and the grain safe from sparrows, etc., even if the cans should be upset. By filling the cans when the morning feed is given, they are ready to use for the several feeds during the rest of the day.

GARDEN FERTILIZERS.

Prof. Burkett Gives Some Important Facts Regarding Them.

Prof. Burkett, the well-known authority on soils and plant food, has this to say of the different functions of plant foods and the kind of each best adapted to garden soils:

Iron, though present in plants in but very small amounts, fills a highly important place. Without it the chlorophyll bodies are not formed, and as these organs are necessary to the assimilation of carbon dioxide no increase in the dry substance of a plant can take place without iron. Plants can elongate in the dark, the growing tips being nourished by material drawn from the other parts of the plant, but there is no gain in dry weight.

Potassium salts are essential to plants, and the potassium seems to be necessary in the formation of starch, though not a constituent of it. In some kinds of plants potassium chlorid is more effective than other compounds and the chlorin seems to facilitate the movement of starch from the leaves to other parts of the plant.

Sodium, the metal of common salt, Glaubers salt, and others, is often present in large proportion in plant ashes. It has not been positively proven to be essential to plants and its presence is doubtless to a large extent accidental. It has been found, however, that to a limited extent it can replace potassium in plants; that is, a smaller supply of potassium compounds will meet the need of a crop if sodium compounds be present than is required in their absence.

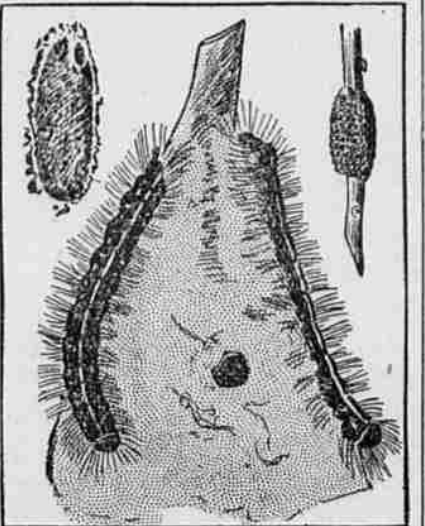
Calcium, the metal of limestone and gypsum, appears to be required in the processes that result in the formation of woody tissue. It also enters into combination with organic acids that would otherwise be injurious to the plant, thus forming substances of an excretory nature that are deposited in the cells. Calcium and magnesium form compounds with the nitrogenous constituents of plants which seem to be concerned in the movement of these substances from one part of the plant to another.

Phosphorus, to be used by plants, must be in the form of a phosphate. Calcium phosphates are most abundant in soils. The phosphates form compounds with the nitrogenous constituents or proteids of the plant and facilitate their movement. Phosphorus is also an essential constituent of some of the most important parts of plants, including the protoplasm of the cells, which is the living, active part by which the chemical processes of plant-growth are brought about.

DESTROYING CANKER WORMS.

Look for Them on the Trees and Destroy Them.

At this time of the year every farmer should go over his orchard if the spring canker worm was present last season. He should look in the tree for the little rings of eggs, which will



Canker Worm.

be found on the twigs. The accompanying illustration shows the spring canker worm and to the left, in the lower corner, a twig with a characteristic ring around it. The eggs are held on by their association with the rest of the ring and not because they are stuck to the twig. If a sharp knife is run lengthwise down the twig over the egg mass it will be laid open and will peel off in the hand. The eggs can later be burned. A boy who is light and active will be able to do this work much better than an older or heavier person. All of the eggs removed now will save work later on. The eggs will not hatch till the leaves are out so the orchardist can afford to wait till there comes a bright day previous to the leaving out of the trees. A boy should not be sent about the trees on a bold, windy day. The work should be thoroughly done and will save much damage when the leaves open and the eggs would hatch if allowed to remain.—Department Bulletin.

FRUIT PICKINGS.

Fertilize; spray; plow! Time to turn under the cover crop sown last fall.

Grafting done last month? If not, perhaps it's not too late if you hurry. Early applications of Bordeaux mixture greatly help to prevent fungous troubles.

Plant cherry and Japanese plum trees, currant and gooseberry bushes as early in spring as possible.

A good orchard fertilizer: Four hundred pounds of ground bone and 300 pounds of muriate of potash to the acre.

On land well supplied with humus strawberry plants need potash and phosphoric acid more than nitrogen, but a well-balanced fertilizer is best.

Practical Fashions

MISSES' DRESS, WITH PRINCESS FRONT PANEL.



Paris Pattern No. 2342. All Seams Allowed.—This dainty little frock is particularly suitable for the young girl, developed in cream colored batiste. The yoke and princess front panel are of all-over embroidery of the same shade, and narrow insertions of the same embroidery are used as a trimming. The puff sleeves are gathered into narrow cuffs of the embroidery, finished with an edging to match. The pattern is in three sizes—13 to 17 years. For a miss of 15 years, the dress, as illustrated, requires 4 1/2 yards of batiste 36 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard of all-over embroidery 18 inches wide, 24 yards of insertion, 1 1/2 yard of edging and five-eighths yard of ribbon; or of one material, 10 yards 20 inches wide, 7 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 5 1/2 yards 36 inches wide, or five yards 42 inches wide.

To procure this pattern send 10 cents to "Pattern Department," of this paper. Write name and address plainly, and be sure to give size and number of pattern.

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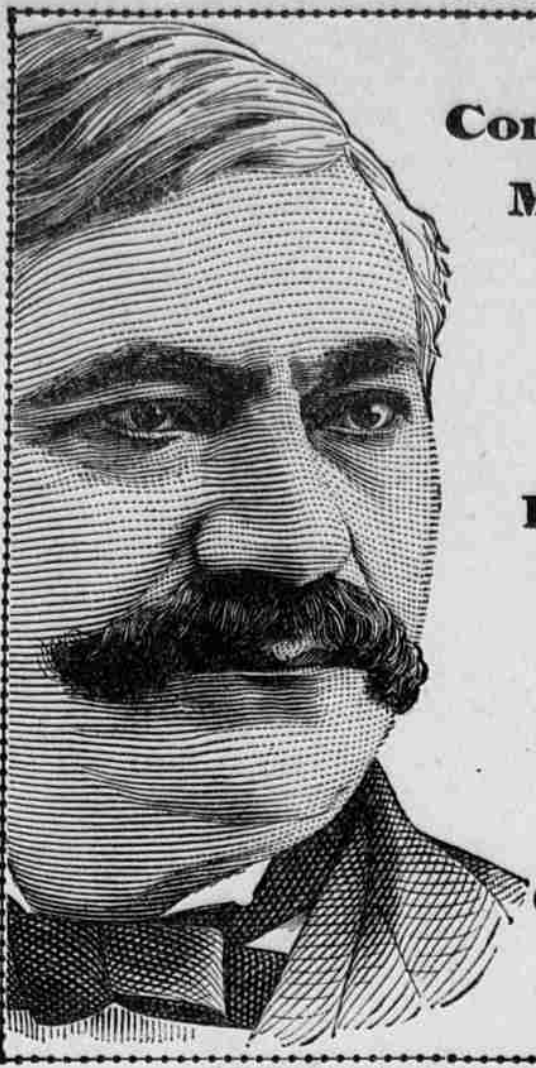
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Representative Adam Bede of Minnesota is credited with the story of the boy with the disreputably dirty face, who was sent to the town pump by the teacher, with the scriptural injunction, to "wash and be clean."

He returned with the chin and lower part of his face looking rather pale, but his cheeks and forehead remained as dirt-hued as before. The children roared at his comical appearance, and, when the teacher asked him why he had not cleaned his entire face, he answered:

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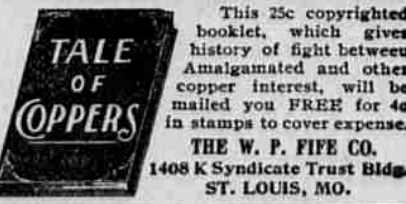
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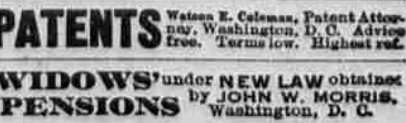
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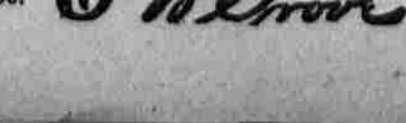
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